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SUBJECT: LOS: US-ECUADOREAN FISHERIES ISSUE

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1. RECIPROCATING US LUNCHEON FOR ECUADOREANS JUNE 26, ECUADOREAN DELEGATION CHAIRMAN VALENCIA RODRIGUEZ AND DELEGATES PONCE ENRIQUEZ, GARCIA VELASCO, AYALA LASSO, OSWALDO RAMIREZ AND CDR. MARCO ARTURO LEON HAD AMBASSADORS STEVENSON AND MCKERNAN AND MESSRS. POLLOCK, FISHER AND RANDOLPH TO A VERY CORDIAL LUNCHEON ON JULY 2.

2. THE ECUADOREANS WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE FIRST DECISION ON THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND INDICATED OPTIMISM OVER THIS MEETING. THEY INDICATED THEY DID NOT BELIEVE ALL ISSUES COULD BE SOLVED AT CARACAS, BUT WERE HOPEFUL THAT DEFINITE PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IN THE RESOURCE AREA.

3. US SIDE CONTINUED ITS PRESENTATION OF THE US POSITION
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ON FISHERIES, WITH EMPHASIS ON SEEKING TO ALLAY ECUADOR'S

CONCERNS OVER INTERNATIONAL REGULATION OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES. WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF THE "ZONE", THE ECUADOREANS STATED THEY VIEWED THE TERM "SOVEREIGNTY," IN A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT LIGHT FROM THE US. THEY VIEWED, OR WERE MORE WILLING TO VIEW, SOVEREIGNTY WITHIN THE 200 MILE ZONE IN A DIFFERENT WAY FROM SOVEREIGNTY ON LAND. THEY TALKED ABOUT SOME NEW TERMINOLOGY OR AT LEAST A NEW DEFINITION WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE NAVIGATION AND PERHAPS OTHER ELEMENTS OF USES WITHIN THE ZONE AS DEFINED INTERNATIONALLY IN A LOS CONVENTION. THEY REITERATED THEIR VIEW THAT THEY COULD ACCEPT INTERNATIONAL CONSTRAINTS ON THEIR SOVEREIGNTY, INCLUDING CATCH AND ALLOCATION OF TUNA, POLLUTION, AND EVEN PERHAPS CONSTRAINTS ON THEIR CONTROL OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ONCE THE US ACCEPTED THE "SOVEREIGNTY" OF JURISDICTIONAL CONCEPT THEY HAD IN MIND.

4. IT WAS AGREED TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSIONS THROUGH A SMALL WORKING GROUP OF TWO FROM EACH SIDE.

5. THE ECUADOREANS RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE US POSITION ON SALMON AND SEEMED TO THINK THAT WE WERE TAKING A DIFFERENT POSITION WITH RESPECT TO SALMON THAN WE WERE WITH TUNA. SOME TIME WAS SPENT EXPLAINING THE DIFFERENCE. STEVENSON

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